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a feeder means to feed said elongate member towards and through said separation unit,  
said feeder means further comprising a pusher arm upstream of said separation unit, said pusher  
arm exerting a force on an end of said elongate metallic member distal from said separation unit  
to push said member towards and through the said separation unit; and [wherein said feeder  
means feeds said elongate member and said support means extends in a direction substantially  
parallel to said substantially longitudinal axis of said elongate member]

means to constrain lateral movement of said elongate metallic member passing through  
said separation unit said constraining means further comprising at least one pair of horizontally  
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spaced apart guide rollers, said guide rollers being freely rotatable about a substantially vertical  
axis, wherein downstream of said separation unit separated parts of said elongate metallic  
member issuing from said separation unit are free to move laterally with respect to said cutter.

Please cancel claims 34 and 35.

Amend claim 36 as follows:

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36. (Amended) A device according to claim [25] 26, wherein each roller of a pair of  
said rollers is mounted so that the distance therebetween may be adjusted.

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Please amend claim 37 as follows:

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37. (Amended) A device according to claim 26, wherein said separation unit comprises  
a roller arranged to exert a downward pressure on a part of [an] said elongate member being cut.

Please amend claim 48 as follows:

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48. (Amended) A process for separating cold elongated metallic members along a  
substantially longitudinal axis thereof, said device comprising:

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a separation unit having a cutter;

support means extending upstream and downstream of said separation unit to support said elongate member, said support means extending in a direction substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of said elongated member;

a feeder means to feed said elongate member towards and through said separation unit, said feeder means further comprising a pusher arm upstream of said separation unit, said pusher arm exerting a force on an end of said elongate metallic member distal from said separation unit to push said member towards and through the said separation unit; and

means to constrain lateral movement of said elongate metallic member passing through said separation unit, said constraining means further comprising at least one pair of horizontally spaced apart guide rollers, said guide rollers being freely rotatable about a substantially vertical axis, wherein downstream of said separation unit separated parts of said elongate metallic member issuing from said separation unit are free to move laterally with respect to said cutter,  
said process comprising the steps of:

placing [an] said elongate member on said support means of said device;

aligning [a] said substantially longitudinal axis of said elongate member with said cutter of said separation unit;

feeding said elongate member through said separation unit to cut said separate sections from said elongated member; [and]

supporting [resulting] said separated sections of said elongated member; and

constraining lateral movement of said elongate member in said separation unit.

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Please cancel claim 49.